

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

ANDREW CAIRNS,

Petitioner,

v.

THOMAS MCGINLEY, et al.,

Respondents.

CIVIL ACTION

No. 19-5351-KSM

ORDER

AND NOW this 22nd day of August, 2023, upon consideration of the Report and Recommendation of the Honorable Richard A. Lloret (Doc. No. 28) and Petitioner's Objections to the R&R (Doc. No. 34), it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The Report and Recommendation is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.
2. The Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus is **DENIED WITH PREJUDICE**.
3. There is no probable cause to issue a certificate of appealability.¹
4. The Clerk of Court shall mark this case **CLOSED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Karen Spencer Marston

KAREN SPENCER MARSTON, J.

¹ Because jurists of reason would not debate the procedural or substantive dispositions of Petitioner's claims, no certificate of appealability should be granted. *See Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000) ("Where a district court has rejected the constitutional claims on the merits, the showing required to satisfy § 2253(c) is straightforward: The petitioner must demonstrate that reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong. . . . When the district court denies a habeas petition on procedural grounds without reaching the prisoner's underlying constitutional claim, a COA should issue when the prisoner shows, at least, that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right and that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling.").